Accreditation Informational Item – Standards Review Schedule

In May 2005, the Board of Public Education approved the Standards Review Schedule pursuant to Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 10.54.2503. The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) presents below the review schedule for the Montana Content Standards and Performance descriptors.

Standards Review Schedule

- Cycle I Beginning July 2005, review and revision of Science
- Cycle II Beginning July 2006, review and revision of Mathematics and Communication Arts
- Cycle III Beginning July 2007, review and revision of Social Studies, Health Enhancement, Arts, and Technology
- Cycle IV Beginning July 2008, review and revision of School Counseling, Library Media, Career and Technology Education, Workplace Competencies, and World Languages

Cycle I – K-12 Science Standards Review

In 2008, the state Science Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) will be administered to all Montana students in grades 4, 8, and 10. Because Montana is currently working with Measured Progress to prepare the Montana CRT in Science, the timing is right for the 2005 review and revision of the Science Content Standards and Performance descriptors. The review will ensure that the Science CRT is aligned to the most up-to-date Montana standards. In addition, the review process will generate the Montana K-12 Standards Framework for Science, and will also produce model K-12 grade-level expectations for science.